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Those Delirium Tremens Heads Didn't Suit Him at All, and When They Served Champagne He Turned Down His Glass.

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NEW YORK, Jan, 12.-There strode into the office of the New York "World" on the afternoon of December 31—the nine-teensh century's closing day—a young man well below forty. He had a clean shaven face, with plercing gray eyes, rather full cheeks, expressive mouth and a shock of wellow hair. His clother ware

shaven face, with piercing gray cyes, rather full cheeks, expressive mouth and a shock of yellow hair. His clothes were no better nor no worse than the clothes of the hundred editors and reporters in sight. The one spot of color that shone above the dull brownness of his sack sult was a bright red necktle.

This young man was Alfred Harmsworth, London's journalistic predigy, proprietor of more successful publications than any man in the world, and founder of the phenomenally profitable London "Dally Mall." He had come at Mr. Pullizer's invitation to edit "The World" for one day. Carte blanche was given to bim; he could do exactly as he pleased in any department. And he did.

"In the first place," announced the young editor—he is just turned thirty-four—"we will change the size. I am going to make to-merrow's 'World' just thalf as big. There will be four columns to the page and the columns will be much

to the page and the columns will be much shorter than they are regularly. This to the page and the comman will be much shorter than they are regularly. This will make 'The World' much more convenient for reading and more easily carried in the pocket. Men will take the paper home with them instead of throwing it away, and that's what the advertisers want." THOSE JIM-JAM HEADS.

With that the new editor sent for all the heads of departments, and in lifteen minutes he had all the methods of "The World" at his fingers' ends. He looked word at his ingers caus. He looked over the display type and at once relegated to Limbo "The World's" regular "scarehead" type. He chose for the head lines a much smaller font, and allowed only four "blanks" of type instead of the regular six, which take up fully a fifth of a column alone.

Then he took a turn with the city de-

"No story," he announced, "of more than 20 words."

The space writers looked aghast! "The World" to-day runs its news in more con-densed form, probably, than any other newspaper of its size in the United States. And here was a man who proposed cutting everything in half again! Then this remarkable young man hurried out into the art department. The artists

were evidently expecting an easy day of it, knowing full well Mr. Harmsworth's objections to cuts in a daily newspaper.

Here came the surprise.

MUST HAVE PICTURES, THOUGH,
"I should say," he announced, decisively,
"that we will need about four pictures a page wide. Make your cartoon two col-umns, instead of four. Better have a pic-ture on to-night's theatrical openings and one on the celebration of the new century. I suppose that will lead the local news to-

Mr. Harmsworth kept his word. He was gone but fifteen minutes and returned ready to jump in again. There was another conference with some of the heads of departments. SPORTING BLOOD, TOO.

"Now we will give a whole page to the theatres." said Mr. Harmsworth, "because I see there are many important openings, and we will give one page to editorials and

two to sports—everybody likes sports."
The Englishman's love of sport was showing even in this busy editor.
"But," he added, "let nothing exceed the limit of space. Condensation is the pass word of the coming newspaper! Every-thing should be presented in the briefest form. People have not the time to read long stories. They lose their interest in

By this time things were shaping themselves smoothly in their respective chan-nels and in a surprisingly easy way. Here was a huge and highly specialized newspaper organization doing everything ferently for just one day, and yet there was no hitch-no jar. Editors and repor-ters went about their duties just as if it had been any other day of the year.

And then Mr. Harmsworth retired to write his two editorials; and here, strangely enough, Mr. Harmsworth vio-lated his own rules about condensation. lated his own rules about condensation. Each of his editorials was a column long and contained more words than any article in the paper, save one. And here, too, he upset "The World's" ideas, for its editorials are couched in the briefest form and seldom run over 200 words; while short paragraphs are liberally sprinkled in between.

THE ALL-POWERFUL BLUE PENCIL. It was dinner time now, and the night force of editors and copy readers was coming in. To the night city editor, who has charge of handling all the city copy. Mr. Harmsworth was particularly careful in his directions.

"Remember," said he, "nothing more than 250 words, and keep a good share of them down to 100 words. Condense as much as nossible." much as possible.

And so the copy readers began choppin down to a stick-and-a-half-less than 250 words-"spread" stories written for the customary half column or over. Pretty soon the proofs began to come down

soon the proofs began to come down stairs from the composing-room. All were handed to the new editor-in-chief. Sometimes he looked very serious—the matter was running over his ideas of space. He hurried out into the city room with a word of caution.

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"Keep it down, gentlemen!" he said.
Things were taking shape pretty fast
now. Meanwhile Mr. Harmsworth had
been out to dinner with the several editors, where he talked long and earnestly
about his ideas of successful journalism.

It was parting along to 11 P. M. Thera it was getting along to 11 P. M. There was but an hour left before going to press. Proofs were coming downstairs in bunches, and the make-up men were al-

ready getting the earlier pages ready for the stereotypers. Because of the great mechanical problem presented in the change of form the paper, was going to ss an hour earlier.

press an hour earlier.

"We've only got twelve columns for news!" cried the make-up editor, hurrying down from the composing-room.

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Mr. Harmsworth was master of the situation in a moment.

KILLED A FEW "ADS."

"News is all important." said he, incisively; "then see the business manager; we must leave out some advertisements."

And when "The World" went to press that night there were four columns of advertisements left on the galleys that never saw the light on New Year's morning! Think of that on a New York newspaper of to-day-though, in the old days the "Herald" often did so.

The work was almost done. Mr. Harmsworth was everywhere—cool, alert; directing this and suggesting that. Twice he was summoned up-stairs to the "stone," where he went over the forms carefully to see that his ideas were carried out. Finally, the great work was firished, "The Werld" went to press as edited by Alfred Harmsworth for the opening day of the twentieth century.

WOULDN'T TOUCH A DROP.

Just then a note arrived for him. It was an invitation from the Press Club for him to come over and join in its festivities. He scribbled a line back:

"I can get fifteen minutes' leave of abscence from 4 to 4:45 P. M. I will be delighted to be with you then."

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"The World" of New Year's Day was unique. Its pages were only half as large as those of the regular "World." It had thirty-two pages instead of the usual fourteen or sixteen. There were no "scare heads." The matter was very brief. There was absolutely no attempt at fine

The edition was all sold out, and so great was the demand that another had to be struck off in the afternoon. Newsboys raised the price, sometimes as high as 25 cents, and newsdealers sent in rush orders for more supplies. As an adverdisement, the Harmsworth edition of "The World" was an overwhelming success. Opinion widely differs among the readers and editors of other newspapers whether or not the experiment was suc-cersful from a journalistic standpoint.

AN ANECDOTE OF RECENT CAMPAIGN

The Hog Outweighed Mr. Lacey's

Bill on House Calendar to Purchase Bronze, the Original of Which Is the Famous Statue by Houdon in the Capitol Here.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 .- "You remem ber the extreme apathy that prevailed during the recent election," said Representative Lacey, of lowa, with a characteristic twinkle that always foreshadows an anecdote "Every stump-speaker in the country felt and commented on it at the time, and every one had some theory in traine to account for it. I felt it where In trying to account for it. I felt it when ever I spoke, but it did not farm me greatly. My theory was that the people were undemonstrative and apparently indifferent because they were satisfied with the condition of the country. Still it an-noyed me to address an audience and fail to awaken a little enthusiasm. After every meeting the audience would dis-perse quietly and go frome without any-thing to remind you of the spirit of '96. Then people would gather in groups and wave their arms and talk it all over after

sociable. I maily determined to learn whether there was any way by which I could arouse a little enthusiasm. One day when I had to make a speech I gathered myself together for a supreme effort. It was in a small town, and I said to myself; said I, 'I'll stir 'em up this time or admit I'm no good on the stume forever after.' tump forever after.

"Well, I fairly outdid myself in elo-quence, and when the audience left I determined to see what effort my speech had produced. Going fown the street to-

" 'At last,' said I, 'I have struck a responsive chord.' So, circling around the group by a route that would bring the tation between them and me, I approach sed from the opposite direction and sidied up near enough to be in earshot, with the expectation of learning first hand what

truding myself. It wasn't the thing to do, but I was bound to know how my ch had struck them.

What do you fancy they were say-

bet a dollar on the weight of a hog, and well, what's the use! They hadn't time to think about imperialism and free sil-wer alongside of an issue tike that, and I

Without the sound of a veice and un-accompanied by the familiar strains of Then people would gather in groups and take it all over after the energing more or less excitedly. Now all was decent and decorous as a church as his congregation, are deaf mutes, but for 25 cents a bottle everywhere. organ, Rev. O. J. Whild'n conducted

from the opening prayer to the closing benediction the services were the same as those conducted in other places of

as those conducted in other places of worship of the same denomination.

Rev. Whildin took for his text the second chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, and the discourse was delivered with as much spirit and emittasis as though spoken with the volce instead of the hands.

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was delivered with as much spirit and engitasis as though spoken with the voice instead of the hands.

These services are conducted every Sunday night, and so expert are both the pastor and his flock in the sign language that the movements of the preacher's hands are almost too fast for the untrained eye to follow. The time taken for the entire service is only a little over an hour, and this includes the reading of the Psalms. BIRTHPLACE OF REPRESENTATIVES According to an interesting table compiled by Representative Lacey, of lowa, and used in connection with his speech on the apportionment in the House the past week, there are more members in the House of Representatives who were born in New York than any other State. The number is forty-eight, next to which comes Chie, with a total of thirty-seven, and Pennsylvania with thirty-six. Twenty-one sons of the State of Missachusetts are now representing constituencies in various sections of the country, but this number is surpassed by Virginia.

North Carolina claims fifteen, which includes Representative Cannon, of Illinois, chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations; and, what is more striking still, Senator Hawley, of Connecticut, who was born in Stewarts-ville, Richmond county, N. C., in 1826. He was a delegate to the Free Soil National Convention of 1852, and a Union soldier, entering the army as a captain and gratuating into the position of major-general by brevet. The State of Mississippi has furnished twelve of the present House of Representatives: Forida, fourteen; Maine, ten; Vermont, ten; Alabama, fourteen, Arkansas is represented by five; Kansas by only one; Missouri by nine, while New Jersey thas four of her sons representing various constituencies; South Carolina, nine; Wisconsin, seven; Rhode Island, six; Texas, six; and lowa, eight. The States which have not in this Congress furnished any native-born members to either branch of Congress are California, Colorado, Idaho, Montanu, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington the two Houses of Congress is twenty-

FARMERS IN GOOD SHAPE.

The State Abandons the Northampton County Farm.

County Farm.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WELDON, N. C., Jan. 12.—Halifax county farmers are in better shape than they have been in ten years for the beginning of farming operations. The majority of them have some cotton and peanuts on hand, home supplies on the farm and some money for majority of filem have some ton and peanuts on hand, home supplies on the farm and some money for such things as they need. Peanut growing is now an important industry, and Hallfax county is one of the best for the culture of the Spanish nut, which are grown to perfection in this section.

The State has abandoned the Northampton farm, and the convicts employed there have been sent on the railroads. The farm has been turned over to the oviler, who is putting up some new buildings and preparing to put good private tenants in them.

tenants in them.

It is interesting to Halifax county people to learn from Capt. W. H. Day's report that the State made such a good investment when it purchased the valuable Caledonia farms for \$61,000. Captain Day says they can be sold for \$100,000. It has always been known that the Caledonia farms are among the most valuable lands in Halifax county, and this State has greatly enhanced their value by permanent improvements.

Renewed Hope. "Henrietta," said Mr. Meekton, "did ou say you bought this necktic because ou thought it suited me perfectly?"

'Yes."
"Well, I'm glad to hear it. I'm going to went it in goad to hear it. Thi going to wear it and go out into the world with re-newed hope and courage. You know it's an old saying that handsome men are not as a rule the ones who really achieve things."—Washington Star.

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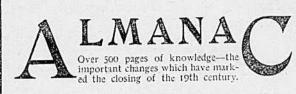
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THE NATIONAL GAME REVIVED

The Richmond Baseball Club Being Organized.

VIRGINIA-NORTH CAROLINA.

Proposed Circuit to Embrace Towns in Both States-Business Men Taking an Interest In the Game.

There are many substantial indications hat the national game will be revived in Richmond during the coming season, and Richmond during the coming season, and the enthusiasts on the game are beginning to look forward to the early spring days when the play will be started and the old-time interest in baseball will be awakened by the once familiar roar from the bleachers at Broad-Street Park. The move has been put afoot in time, and with the proper encouragement from the people the men at the head of the undertaking will succeed in putting on the Richmond diamond a team that will be a credit to the town. The matter has been started in a business-like way.

like way.

IN TWO STATES. The organization will be known as the Richmond Basecald Club, for which a franchise has recently been secured and

the charter recorded, This was the first step taken, and the This was the first step taken, and the next was the further organization, for which purpose an enthusiastic meeting was 'held at Murphy's last Thursday night. At this meeting V. Donati was elected president and treasurer, and "Barley" Kain manager. Both these men know their business when it comes to be the stand bends. in good hands.

in good hands.

The league in which the Club is to play will be known as the Virginia-North Carolina, and in the circuit will be the following cites, in all of which baseball is being talked: Richmond, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News, Danville, Durham, Raleigh and Salisbury. This circuit is considered an admirable one. and because it embraces towns in two States it is thought will be one in which there will be much rivalry and good in-

States it is thought will be one in which there will be much rivalry and good interest in the games.

One of the most substantial helps the organization has secured is the donation of a lease on the Broad-Street Park for the season, by the Richmond Traction Company. At the meeting Thursday night creathird of the stock was subscribed for one-third of the stock was subscribed fo one-third of the stock was substruct for by the following, who have become stock-holders and promoters of the game: H. C. Epps, Frank Cunningham, Harry Gienn, Col. John Murphy, Charles O. Sa-ville, W. H. Sands, Berkeley Williams, James Baccigalupi, Edgar White and John Murphy, Edgar White and John Murphy, Jr.
MUCH STOCK SOLD.

A considerable amount of the stock has been disposed of since that meeting, and the club seems a sure thing in Richmond. Season tickets are on sale at \$10 each, and all who wish to purchase and thus aid in the revival of the game here are requested to communicate with the president at an early date.

The management has decided to admit

ladies free during the entire season, and to present stockholders with season tick-In regard to players little has been done at this early date, but within the coming weeks the manager will be open to sign players. As many local players will be signed as possible, and all who can play ball are wanted to make themselves

THRILLING EPISODE.

Railroad Tower Man Struggles Wich Would-Be Suicide.

A hair-raising, thrilling and melo-dramatic tale comes from the town of Berkley. The hero is John T. Nelson, a tower man who is stationed at the Berklev Junction of the Norfolk and Souther and the Norfolk and Western Railroads and the details are such as to send a cold chill chasing up and down the back

must admit that this tale ranks among the first of its class. But this is a true story, no fiction, and the party saved was a man instead of a woman.

Monday morning at 2:30 o'clock while the good folks of Berkley were peacefully slumbering, a scene was enacted at the lonely junction which is almost unheard of off the stage. It was a case of a man determined to die and another man endeavoring to save him from a horrible death.

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A desperate struggle ensued and the rescuer proved to be the better man, hence he saved the life of the would-be suicide. Nelson was in the railroad tower when in the distance he saw a man deliberately throw himself across the railroad track. The man evidently knew the schedule of freight trains and timed himself so that he would not have long to wait to end his earthly existence. Nelson had but a moment before set the safety signals for a heavily loaded freight train out of Norfolk.

Nelson left the tower thinking that some lonely wayfarer had fallen from exhaustion, but his conclusions were wrong. When he reached the scene he found a white man 45 years old who had been drinking. Nelson told the fellow to get off the track or he would be crushed by a train whose whistle could already be heard in the distance.

"Away from me," said the man in true melo-dramatic style, "this is my affair. My troubles are many and I take this method of ending it all!" Nelson told the man that if he wished to commit suicide he must do it somewhere else, as the company prohibited people from committing self-murder on their property. "You'd better leave me alone," said the

as the train rushed by. The escape of the two was almost miraculous. Each man was covered with dirt as he arose. Nelson had regained his strength, while the stranger appeared exhausted. The man only glanced at Nelson after they had picked themselves up, and started down the track mumbling that he would yet put his threat into execution. Nelson rethreat into execution. Nelson re-ed to the tower, and last night was on duty as usual. He says he does not know the man, who was fairly well dressed. Inquiry to-day among Berkley residents elicited no information about

REMARKABLE CARVING.

Discovery Near Winchester That May Be Work of Aborigines.

his farm on the Front Royal Road near town. For ten years has he occupied this farm and during that time he has, as he believed, observed most every topographical feature of the land, but a curious carving hitherto escaped his observation.

representation of an owi, and is cut upon the flat face of a rock that projects some feet from the ground. Only the head of the bird can be seen, but there are indi-cations that the body is also there, but is hidden by the subsoil which has been washed down from the hill back of the

The carving is also obscured by the root

is not at all improable that this carving is the work of the Red Man and is the coat of arms of some aborigine. There are other marks, heirogliphics presumaare other marks, neurographics presumably, which will reward the investigator of the discovery, and Mr. Silver intends to remove the soil and root in order to get a better view of the carving. It may result to be unimportant, yet there are chances that it is of historic interest, as it was customary among the Indians to

BENNIE BELCHER'S LESSONS IN LIFE

Served a Term For a Crime He D'd Not Commit.

AND ALSO FOR BREAKING JAIL.

He Declares He Will Be Good and Never Transgress Again-No Clue to the Westmoreland Murderer, A Boy Burned to Death.

penalty and returned home to his mother, in Petersburg.

It will be recalled that young Belcher was accused of entering a dwelling in Chesterfield and carrying off some clothes and one or two clocks. He was easily arrested, and committed to jail to await trial, and during the time he escaped with several colored prisoners and rambled about until he became tired of such liv-ing, and returned and surrendered him-self to the officers. He was tried and given three months in ja.1, which he has just completed. He says he did not break into any one's house, but was passing by and saw the doors open and the rooms

This seems to be pretty near the truth, as they did return north while Belcher was in jall, and made no attempt to appear against or prosecute him what-ever. He further says that he never broke ever. He further says that he never broke or attempted to break jail, but was let out by the colored prisoners, who did the breaking and persuaded him to leave. He was very sorry that he left at all and that he has given uis mother so much trouble, and promises to avoid evil associeties and trouble in the future. There are no new developments in the W. T. susgested that about Christmas-time the murderer would surely be apprehended, but there is nothing new as yet and probably never will be unless a substantial

to convict is procured.

Mr. Mitt Robinson, machinist at the Pocahontas cotton mills, is taid up with a carbuncle, and it is feared that he may lose his right hand.

Water From Tennessee.

Bristol, Va., is now frying for the first time in life the pure water from King's spring, a source of supply which has given eminent satisfaction in Bristol, Tenn., for a number of years. The connections between the Tennesse

and the Virginia mains were completed at Main and Moore Streets yesterday at noon, and at 2:30 the water was turned into the Virginia mains. As with a bound the water sprang through the pipes north, east and west, and it was only a very little while until the consumers on the Virginia side had in their homes the same kind of water that has been the joy of the homes on the Tennessee side these

The new arrangement lasts only six months, with the privilege of as many as three renewals for like periods. As to what will be the source of water supply in Bristol. Va., in the future is with the Council.—Bristol Courier.

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(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

sociable. I finally determined to learn

ward the station, behold! a group of men who had heard me, engaged in an excited street-corner discussion, indulging in energetic motions of their arms and recalling to the smallest detail.
RESPONSIVE CHORD.

impression my speech had made on these sturdy farmers. "Well, I heard every word, without in-

ing?"
And Lacey looked quizzically around on a circle of solemn faces. No one ventured a guess.
"It seems," he resumed, "that they had

got on the train and pulled my hat down over my eyes and thought hard." SERVICE WITHOUT SOUND.

the company prohibited people from committing self-murder on their property. "You'd better leave me alone," said the man in warning tones, and made a move as if to draw a revolver. Now, Nelson is a muscular young fellow with a quick determination, and he knew he had a desperate case. The panting of the engine and the roar of the train could now be and the roar of the train could now be heard, and Nelson resolved to act instantaneously. Liquor had maddened the would-be self-destroyer, and his strength was terrible. Nothing daunted, Nelson seized the man and an awful struggle followed. The train was bearing down on them, and in a few seconds both would have been crushed, but by an almost superhuman effort Nelson threw himself and the man from the track just as the train rushed by. The escape of the as the train rushed by. The escape of the

the man, and no one had heard of any domestic difficulty in the town that might have prompted any man to take his own life.—Norfolk Dispatch.

Mr. John M. Silver has made what may turn out to be an important discovery at

representation of an owl, and is cut upon the flat face of a rock that project

The carving is also obscured by the root of a large locust tree, or rather the stump of the tree. Mr. Silver is confident that this tree was cut down during the 'Civil War, if not prior to that time, and as it must have been very old when cut down, he supposes the carving antedates the birth of the tree.

Following out this line of reasoning, it is the carving antered in the carving the

read dime novels, in which the hero always aves the heroine from impending death and himself escapes by a hair's breadth, tribal traditions.—Winchester Times.

(Special Dispatch to The Times,) ETTRICKS, VA., Jan. 12.-Bennie Belcher, the young white man who was charged with robbery and subsequently broke jail at Chesterfield Court-house, has paid his

empty, as the parties, who were northern-ers, were moving away and did not care for the old things which he found in the

house. Westmoreland murder case yet. It was

eward be offered. reward be offered.

It is claimed that the murderer is known to be in Petersburg, but no arrests will be made until evidence sufficient

lose his right hand.

"Pat" Strickland, an imbecile inmate of the Petersburg almshouse, about ten years of age, was burned to death by taking fire from an open grate at the almshouse a few days since. His father, also an inmate, who is paralyzed, could render but little assistance.

Business seems to be brisk and nothing to complain of except a scarcity of farm to complain of except a scarcity of farm

many months.

True Enough. "Every barber, it seems to me, talks too